(c) The matter is still under consideration.

(d) The Punjab Government was granted Speical Term Loan of Rs. 6362.72 Crores by the Central Govt. during the period 1984-85 to 1994-95 when the state was facing the problems caused by terrorism. Out of this loan amount, a sum of Rs. 5858.00 crores was outstanding as on 31-3-1995. The State Govt, has repaid a total of Rs. 1716.52 Crores speical terms loans upto 31-03-1995.

Use of Rubber Bullets and Plastic Pellets for Riot Control

6223. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police forces in the country are using Rubber Bullets or Plastic Pellets for riot control purposes;

(b) if so, what are the names of States which have used the Rubber Bullets and Plastic Pellets for controlling riots during the last three years;

(c) the reasons, if any, for not using Rubber and Plastic Bullets for riot control purposes; and

(d) whether Government would consider making the use of only Rubber or-Plastic Bullets for riot control purposes compulsory for the police forces in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended for introduction of both rubber bullets and plastic pellets in the State Police forces. The exact information is not readily available and the same is being obtained from the State/Union Territory Police Forces.

(d) A view will be taken on receipt of the information from State/Union Territory Police Forces.

Complaints Regarding Human Right Violation

6224. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints of human right violations were received by Government during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, State-wise;

(b) how many of such complaints are under investigation by Government and how many of them were referred to Human Rights Commission; and

(c) how many cases of violations of human rights have been reported by the Human Rights Commission and in how many cases Government have taken action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Modernisation of Police Forces

6225. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes for modernisation of- police forces in the country and the total funds allocated during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) how much amount had been allocated to each State under the scheme during the above period and how much was utilised by each State upto 31st March, 1995; and

(c) the reasons for the State not drawing the allocated amounts and not taking the scheme seriously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) In order to assist and encourage the State Goverments towards modernisation of State police forces, the Government offers to State Governments financial

assistance on matching basis under the 'Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces'. The scheme provides assistance, interalia, for procuring equipment for communication, training, forensic science laboratories and investigation etc. An amount of Rs. 30 crores was allocated during each of the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

(b) The information is given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 129]

(c) Among the major reasons for some States not being able to utilize the Central allocation available is lack of resources for providing the matching amounts, late release of the matching amounts by State Governments to the police forces and perceived inadequacy of the financial assistance by the Centre.

Foreigners without Visa

6226. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreigners came to India without obtaining Visas in their respective countries and obtained visa at the Airports for 72 hours, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the countries to which such foreigners belonged to and their number, country-wise; and

(c) whether all of them have returned after 72 hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Landing permit facility for 72 hours is granted to a foreign national transiting through India without visa provided he has confirmed onward journey ticket, 3107 such permits were granted during 1992, 3020 in 1993, 6555 in 1994 and 1334 in 1995 (upto March) at the 4 major International Airports i.e. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) Country-wise break of foreigners who were granted Temporary Landing permits at the 4 major Internationa' Airports has been given in the annexure. *[See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 130] Data in respect of Delhi is available from 93 onwards.

(c) Extension of stay on such Landing permits is granted only in very exceptional cases. As such, all foreigners have to go back within the stipulated period.

Cases filed by freedom fighters in the Courts

6227. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases have been filed by the freedom fighters in courts;

(b) if so, what are the grounds, in general, on which these cases have been filed;

(c) whether this is indicative of a lack of clear cut policy and norms for grant of pension; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to make the scheme transparent so as to avoid litigation on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Some applicants whose claims for grant of freedom fighters pension are rejected because of their non-fulfilling the eligibility conditions, file writ petitions in various courts seeking directions of the courts for grant of pension. The general grounds on which such writ petitions have been filed inter-alia include rejection of their claims even after the State Government's recommending their cases, lack of proper examination of evidence submitted by them, denial of arrears etc. The policy and norms for grant of pension are clearly laid down in the Scheme and the guidelines issued from time to time. Decisions regasding admissibility or otherwise of pension in each case are taken keeping in view the